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- At a conference of functionaries held by the East CDU Bezirksverband in Berlin, on 11 January 1954, Arnold Gohr, deputy mayor of Berlin, had expressed optimism regarding the successful outcome of the Berlin Big-Four Conference. He stated, for example, that, four weeks ago, he submitted to Friedrich Ebert, mayor in East Berlin, his resignation because, in November 1953, he had repeatedly been severely criticized by SED newspapers, which alleged that he had no real functions as mayor. He said that Ebert did not accept his resignation. He added that, because of the Big-Four Conference, he was prepared to remain in office, since the East CDU could not go without any of its leading men in the event of the reunification of Germany.
- Gohr stated further that two sensational articles carried by the East GDU newspaper Neue Zeit, which discussed the possibilities of attempts upon Molotov's life and insecurity in West Berlin, had been written by Otto Nuschke, who, undoubtedly on pertinent orders, also wrote an alleged letter to the editor from West Berlin. Gohr said that the typing office had been directed to return to the editor-in-chief the handwritten pages for burning. Arnold Gohr stated that attempts upon leading participants in the conference were not so much feared as demonstrations by East Berliners and residents of the Soviet Zone of Germany who might demonstrate against the DDR government when Molotov moved up to the conference building in West Berlin.
- Gohr stated that, at a meeting of functionaries of the Democratic Bloc in Berlin-Pankow on 6 January 1954, a high-ranking VP official said, Western agents had called for a second 17 June rebellion in various areas in East Germany.

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